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For many years the AIA Nevada statewide Excellence in Design Awards Program has recognized excellence in project design and service to the community. This year the program has been expanded into the first annual statewide Design Conference. The conference is planned to provide exceptional opportunities for all members of the design and architectural communities in Nevada and the Southeast and will not only celebrate design excellence but will allow architects, contractors and all related fields to secure those valuable AIA CE and HSW credits before the end of the year.

Hosted by AIA Northern Nevada, this year's conference is themed **TRIPTYCH**, which means the power of three....owner / architect / builder - working in unison - each contributing their creative skills and visions in order to achieve excellence in the completed project. All members of the architecture, design and building industry are invited to attend. The conference will explore the power of the collaborative effort in the design and construction process, and investigate the contributions of each team member and the cohesive alliances that result in excellence.

TRIPTYCH will be two days of valuable AIA approved courses providing 8.5 CE credits, and culminating in the 2008 AIA Nevada Excellence in Design Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, November 8th. The conference also offers networking and social events including tours of the famous Thunderbird Lodge, designed by Fredrick De Longchamps, one of the first great architects of Nevada. Special Guest Speakers and programs include "Beyond Sustainable Design" presented by **DAVID EIJADI** of **The Weidt Group**; "Integrated Project Delivery" by **ROBERT J. HARTUNG** of **DBIA**; "Buildings Under Extreme Loads – Energy and Impact", by **JOHN D. OSTERASS, PH.D., P.E.**, "Project Practice Relationships" with **HDR Architecture**, **Steven Ehrlich Architects** and **Sundt Construction**; and "Design Driven and Excellence Is Possible" by **EDDIE JONES** of **Jones Studio**.

TRIPTYCH is being held on November 7 and 8, at the Resort at Squaw Creek located on the west shore of Lake Tahoe, NV.

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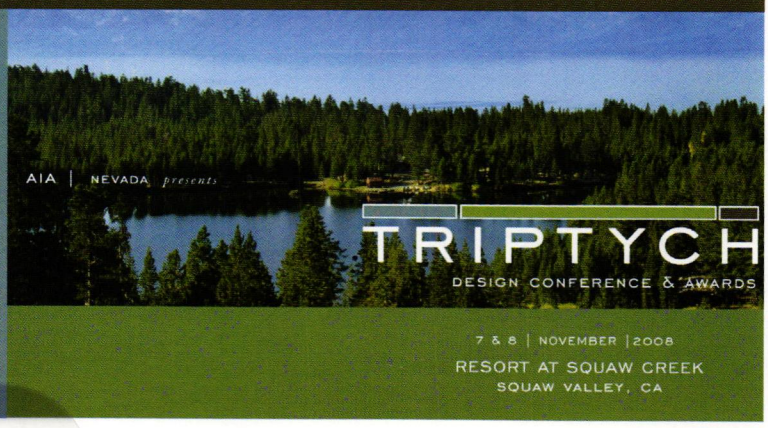

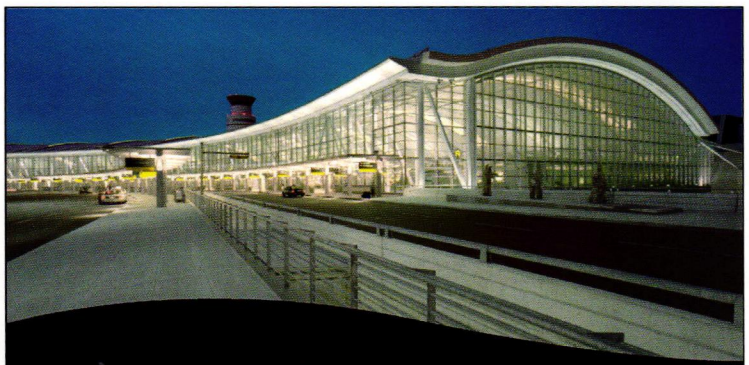

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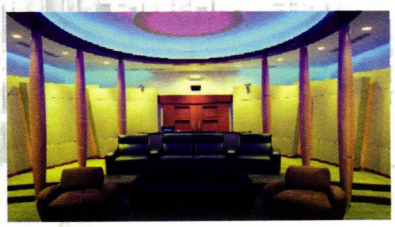

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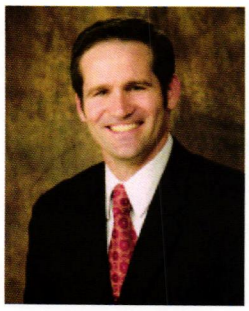

AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARK HOBAICA, AIA

Summer Vacation.....take a break from the Architecture

I can still recall when I was a young boy, the excitement I always felt when summer began. Another year of school was over and another three months of fun in the sun to look forward to...summer baseball leagues, hanging out with my friends, riding bikes, skateboarding, swimming and then more swimming. We swam a lot, heck it was Phoenix; we did what we had to keep cool. This was also the time when my Dad planned our annual vacation for the entire family...for all nine of us. He and Mom would load up the station wagon each July and off we went on the annual Hobaica family summer vacation. We'd usually go to somewhere in northern Arizona to enjoy the cool temperatures or southern California to spend some time at the beach. Now my Dad was an HVAC contractor and he knew that these vacations were as important to his family as the success of his business was to his pocket book. And like most air conditioning companies, his business was seasonal and always hectic from April to June when the heat was setting in and everyone needed their air-conditioners tuned up and ready for the summers blistering heat. So, July was kind of his slow month and a perfect time for getting out of the valley to somewhere cool.

So we hit the road and as usual my Dad would amuse us kids with his wise crack answers as each would ask every five minutes or so, "are we there yet". My Mom always had plenty of snacks for us to munch on as we played games, sang "ninety nine bottles of beer on the wall", or just irritated each other to pass the time. Then about 90 minutes into the trip, like clockwork, my brother Matt would get car sick. He and I always sat in the back since we were the two youngest. You remember the seats that faced backwards in those 1970's Chevy station wagons and to boot, no air conditioning vents within six feet. So, I'd look over at him as he'd be turning purple, the gag reflexes getting more and more intense and I'd yell, "get the can!" It was one of those large empty metal coffee cans we had in the car for just that purpose. The "can" would be tossed back to me; I'd take off the plastic lid and would shove it under Matt's chin. Oh, that smell of old coffee grounds always got me queasy as I assumed that coffee and barf were one in the same smell. And for years I had an aversion to coffee all due to that disturbing association.

I also remember one "special" moment on a trip headed to the White Mountains in northeast Arizona. We pulled over to a road side rest stop and the restrooms where under repair so a handful of port-a-potties where the only choice. Margaret, my oldest sister, was the first one out of the car and into the first empty j-john. And as usual she took her dear sweet time. Now, what are the four youngest boys, ages 8 to 13, suppose to do when they start getting impatient...you guessed it...just start throwing rocks at the thing; that'll get her moving. Louis, Mike, Matt and I, after a handful of rocks, quickly got an even better idea; let's start rocking it from side to side; so we did. And it became more and more amusing as my sister screamed louder and louder. Heck, we were boys, full of energy from sitting in a station wagon for hours; we had to get some of our aggression out. OK, so I kind of feel bad about that ordeal now. Good thing is that my sister, after 35 years or so, has finally forgiven my brothers and me. But it sure stands as one of the classic memories from one of our annual Hobaica summer trips. And yes, we got to our destination. Dad was a bit upset with us along the way, but that was normal AND we still ended up having a great time as usual.

What does all this, reminiscing summer trips with my family, have to do with Architecture... nothing really! I suppose everyone from time to time just needs to take a break from what they do day in and day out. My Dad sure did, that's why he took us kids out of town every summer, just to get away from the broken down air-conditioners.

So, enjoy your summer and get away from the office and the architecture. Treat your spouse and the kids to something and somewhere special. Just make sure the boys don't terrorize their sister too bad, or visa versa. And, I hope no one gets sick during the drive because I sure wouldn't want that to ruin your frappuccino or latte as you cruise down the highway. OK, I guess it's still alright to gaze at a few buildings as you drive just to fill that architectural curiosity...as I'm sure my Dad probably perused at a few rooftop AC's along the way.

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ATTENTION EMERGING PROFESSIONALS, ASSOCIATES AND INTERNS

The AIA Las Vegas Emerging Professionals / Young Architects Forum has been organized for the purpose of addressing issues of particular importance to recently licensed architects and those aspiring to be licensed architects (Interns taking ARE exams or going through IDP).

The Forum has three overriding goals:

To encourage professional growth and leadership development among emerging professionals through interaction and collaboration within the AIA and allied groups.

To build a network and serve as a collective voice for emerging professionals by working to ensure that issues of particular relevance to young architects and interns are appropriately addressed by the Institute.

To make AIA membership valuable to young architects and interns, and develop the future leadership of the profession.

The forum is open to licensed architects, associates, interns, students, and even allied members! But, being an AIA member is not a requirement. Membership in the Young Architects Forum is for all who are interested in the profession. The next scheduled YAF meeting is for Tuesday, July 29 at Cili Restaurant - 5160 Las Vegas Blvd South at the Bali Hai Golf Club.

The Forum is looking for help in event planning, web design, and most importantly, for a Vice Chair. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Deepika Padam, AIA at 702.456.3000 or dpadam@tatesnyderkimsey.com.

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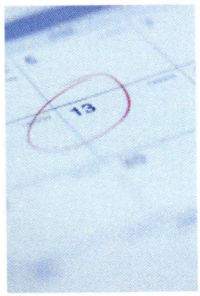

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The AIA Las Vegas policy on RSVP's for meetings is as follows: When you make your RSVP for the meeting (by phone or email), you will receive a confirmation from Kelly. If you are bringing a guest, please let us know the guest's name.

If you simply show up at the meeting without a confirmation, and you are not on the RSVP list, you will be charged for the meeting and will receive an invoice. Also, if you do RSVP for the meeting and then don't attend, you will be charged for the meeting.

Please help us by providing your RSVP as soon as possible after you receive the first newsletter or email notice.

AIA LAS VEGAS OFFICES MOVING CHANGE OF ADDRESS

On August 4th, the AIA Las Vegas offices will be relocating to our new office space in the newly renovated HISTORIC 5TH STREET SCHOOL. Our new address will be:

AIA Las Vegas
401 South 4th Street
Suite 175
Las Vegas, NV 89101
Phone and fax numbers, email and websites will remain the same.

AIA Nevada will continue to have offices located in the UNLV School of Architecture and both AIA Nevada and AIA Las Vegas will continue to work closely with the school and the students.

IN preparing for the new offices, we are most grateful to those of you who are fulfilling our wishes by providing items for our new office. A huge thank you goes to.....

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- Glasses
- Silverware
- Coffee Pot or Servers
- Recycling – compactor / bins
- Open Storage Shelving 15: deep 5' high (industrial)
- Large Volume copier with collating and networking
- Flat Screen TV / DVD Player
- One Fax / Scanner,Server and network of computers
- Computers for 4 work stations (4 large monitors, keyboards, mouse, cpu's)
- Color Printer with collating and networking
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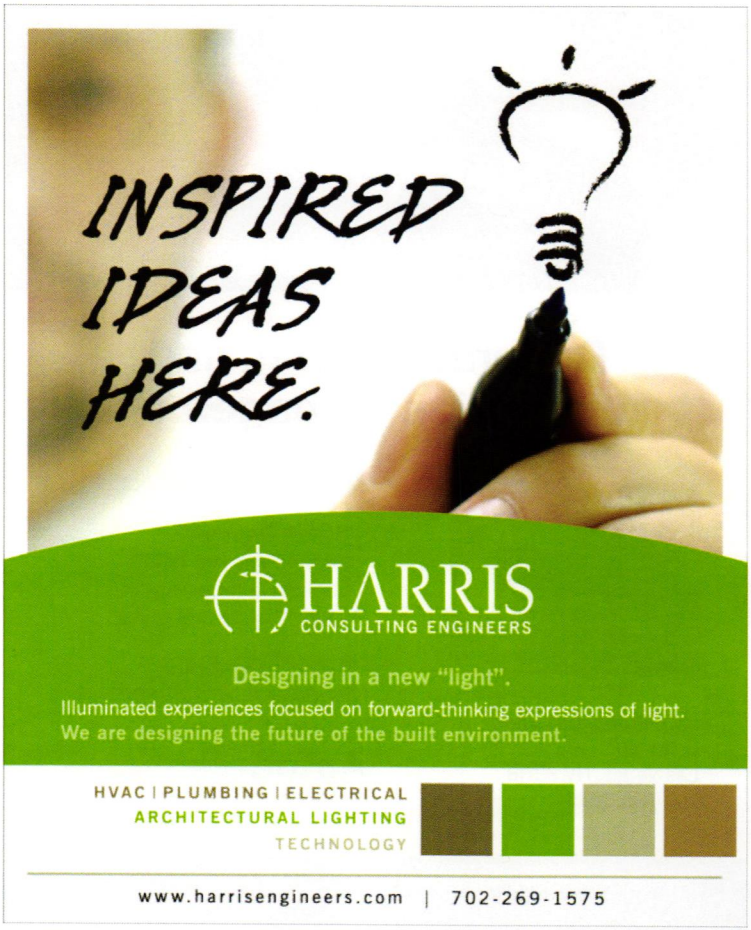

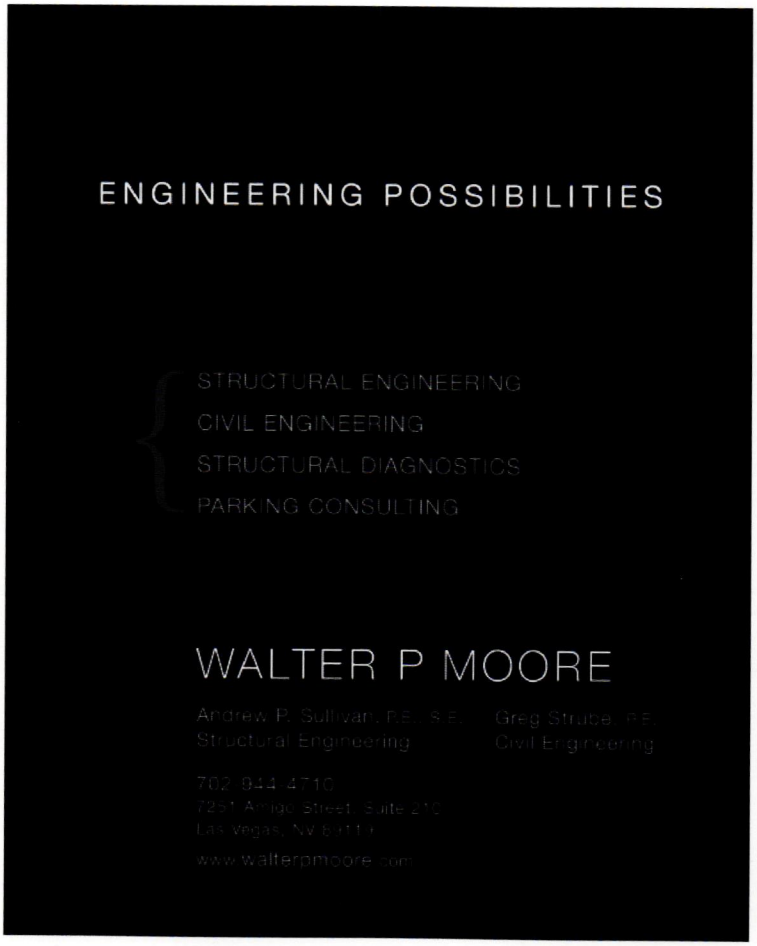

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We have excellent candidates for the open positions on the board this year. To assist in your selection and voting we are providing the following candidate statements.

CANDIDATES STATEMENTS

PRESIDENT – ELECT

DEEPIKA PADAM, AIA

Deepika Padam is an architect with Tate Snyder Kimsey. She currently serves on the AIA Las Vegas board as the Intern & Associate Director and the USGBC board as the Vice President. She strongly believes in sustainable practices and was involved in the AIA 150 Livability charrette as the Housing group co-chair. She hopes to serve as the AIA-LV President Elect to lead the chapter towards more community involvement, and recognition for architects as the leaders for sustainability and making Las Vegas a more livable community.

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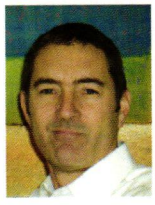

HARRY O. RAY, AIA

"I am interested in continuing my service as a director on the 2009 board of the Las Vegas chapter of the AIA for the following reasons: As a 2008 Las Vegas AIA director I have begun (and would like to continue) to make connections with individuals and groups that will strengthen the collective focus on issues of sustainable practices in the Las Vegas area; I have been very involved in the Blueprint for Nevada and would like to continue to contribute to the growing awareness, and ultimately the implementation, of this outline for more livable communities in the state of Nevada; I am dedicated to a mutually beneficial connection between AIA Las Vegas and UNLV students and would like the opportunity to contribute in bringing these groups together through positive action and dialogue." Harry currently works at zimmeray Studios

Director Of Design Excellence / Community Enhancement

ROB FILARY, AIA
Rob was born and raised in Michigan, but since 2005, he has joyously called Las Vegas his home. Rob was drawn to the Las Vegas community because of the city's commitment to explore new and creative design ideas. He observes," the rest of the country is taking notice of the architecture coming out of this progressive city." Beyond architecture, Rob is committed to helping our community. He started the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in the northwest valley of Las Vegas, and he was the Event Chair for the region in 2007. Giving back to the community ranks at the top of his list, and becoming an AIA board member fulfills his desire to promote our profession and be involved with the positive development of our community. Rob currently works at Welles Pugsley Architects.

THERESA LABUS, AIA
Theresa has been a member of AIA Las Vegas since 2002 and works at Welles Pugsley Architects.

HAMID PANAHI, AIA
Hamid joined AIA in 1999 and currently works for KKE / HFTA Architects.

Director Of Lifelong Learning

SCOTT CARTER, AIA
Scott has been an AIA members since 1982, and currently works with Ed Vance & Associates.

BENJAMIN GIRARDIN, AIA
As Director of Preconstruction for SR Construction, over the past three years, Ben has successfully completed over 30 Design / Build projects in Las Vegas. Prior to establishing residence in Las Vegas he spent a decade with a Design / Build firm in Michigan, where he worked on over 80 Design / Build projects. As the Design / Build process inches toward the preferred project delivery method in the industry, Ben would be a valuable addition to the Board.

DEAN LANUKE, AIA
"I have been an active member of the AIA Las Vegas since moving here four years ago, as well as prior participation with AIA in Texas. A graduate of Texas A&M University, involvement in organizations that serves our profession benefits the community as well as our fellow members." Dean currently works at JMA Architecture Studios.

Associate / Intern Director

ERIC ROBERTS, ASSOC. AIA
"I have been involved with the Las Vegas AIA for nearly 5 years now and have enjoyed many different roles and responsibilities. My wife and children and I have made a commitment to doing our part in making Las Vegas a more sustainable community. I look forward to supporting the chapter in its efforts to represent and lead the design community to create a greener, more livable community in Las Vegas." Eric currently works at SH Architecture.

Allied Director

LYNN CAMPBELL
"I have lived in Las Vegas since 1964, graduated from Las Vegas High School and attended UNLV. My insurance career began in 1971 and I have been with Assurance, Ltd for 29 years; I'm an owner and I specialize in professional liability insurance and risk management for design professionals. I believe I can bring a perspective to the board that is outside the architectural profession but within the local business community and represent the allied members by devoting time and effort to AIA."

KAREN HECK
Karen Heck, Business Development Manager for Kitchell CEM, has been a proponent of building strong partnerships between the various companies and disciplines within the A/E/C arena. Prior to Kitchell, Karen was the publisher of Southwest Contractor magazine, and has been actively involved with the AIA Western Mountain Region chapters since 2002.

"I'm very honored to be nominated for the Board. If elected to serve, I will focus on two missions. The first is to be a strong advocate of the Allied membership and strengthen their benefit to membership. Secondly, I am dedicated to increasing Chapter membership through strategic alliances with other local organizations to expand educational programs and events."

MIKE MCGETTIGAN, P.E.
"I am the managing geotechnical engineer for the Las Vegas office of Langan Engineering & Environmental Services. I have been actively participating in AIA events and providing AIA CE presentations to local firms for over 2 years. I look forward to serving the Allied members needs on the board. Cheers!"

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CITY OF LAS VEGAS HELPS TO LAUNCH 'TOGETHER' CAMPAIGN

The city of Las Vegas is joining with leading businesses, U.S. cities nationwide and respected nonprofit organizations in launching a new campaign to help protect the environment.

Through the initiative, the city is committed to delivering and promoting simple, practical solutions that will help people save energy, save money and save the planet. Through the Together campaign, the city of Las Vegas will network with other participating cities and develop innovative ways to promote sustainability and encourage consumers to reduce their impact on the environment.

The city of Las Vegas has a number of sustainability programs. Sustainability is defined by the city as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations. This includes numerous "green" efforts such as constructing new buildings to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, water conservation, recycling and greater energy efficiency, just to name a few.

In fact, Las Vegas was named the American City of the Year by the World Leadership Forum in December, largely due to its leadership in sustainability. Specifically, the city was honored for operating 90 percent of the city vehicle fleet on alternative fuels and sustainability concepts built into the Centennial Hills master-planned recreational campus. The World Leadership Forum is an international competition among hundreds of cities from around the globe.

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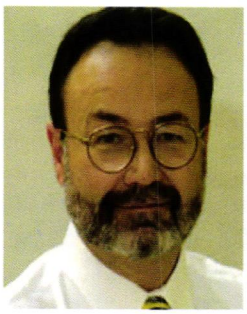

AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RIC LICATA, AIA

Ten Reasons Why Not to Build Coal Fired Plants in Nevada

The next time you're at a cocktail party (or Public Utility Commission meeting) how are you going to respond when a board member from the power company says, "Hey you're an AIA member, aren't you the guys against the coal power plants? So are you going to tell people they can have enough power to meet their needs?" This really did happen to me! Here are 10 sound bites to fire back to them for why we don't need the coal-fired power plants.

1. We can reduce our nation's energy consumption by 50% through conservation. Through this approach we will create more long lasting sustainable jobs saving energy. Americans can conserve when committed and given the political leadership. Over an 11-year period (1973–1983), the United States built approx. 30 billion square feet of new buildings, added approx. 35 million new vehicles and increased real GDP by over one trillion dollars while decreasing its energy consumption and CO2 emissions. Americans know how to do this.

Conservation can be more profitable. It has been found that even Utilities can receive higher investment yields from committing to conservation programs and initiating tiered pricing structures, than investing in the construction of conventional power production such as coal fired plants.

2. There's no coal in Nevada. Nevada can utilize its own resources, such as geothermal, solar and wind, rather than hauling coal from Wyoming and thus, keep dollars now spent on coal at home. All environmental reports concerning the proposed plants don't take into account the pollution created by trains transporting the trillions of tons of coal.

3. The cumulative environmental impact of these plants will put us over the tipping point. There are 151 new conventional coal-fired power plants in various stages of development in the US today. If built, the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from these plants will overwhelm and negate all current efforts to reverse global warming.

4. Coal plants are associated with many dangerous pollutants, such as carbon dioxide, mercury, lead, cadmium, thorium, and uranium. Many of these pollutants and poisons were not required to be in the EIR (Environmental Impact Report) for the plants in Eastern Nevada. *There is no such thing as "Clean Coal".*

5. We need to save our water for agriculture and ranching. These plants will be very water intensive where as plants creating energy from renewable sources use much less or no water at all while co-existing with agriculture.

6. Studies haven't showed that the energy is required in Nevada. The proposed plants will be sending energy primarily to California. If Nevada doesn't build the new coal plants it is very unlikely California will ever build one because of rising costs and environmental harm.

7. It's bad economics. The cost of the plants have been projected at an unrealistically low level and yet the costs are still escalating into the billions and reaching a rate nearing renewables at today's cost, not accounting for advancement in technologies or economies of scales.

8. The AIA is committed to Building Green, which will reduce the need for these power plants. By the year 2035 (the same year the planet is projected to reach 450 ppm co2), three-quarters of the built environment in the US will be either new or renovated. This transformation of the built environment over the next 30 years provides a historic opportunity to dramatically reduce the Building Sector's CO2 emissions (Architecture 2030).

9. One key to the success of renewables is distributive generation, not miles and miles of power lines. Use of locally produced renewable energy in sustainable buildings bolsters the local economy and provides jobs in the community (as well as reducing energy use and emissions caused by long-range transportation of coal).

10. The State of Nevada can be the renewable energy exporter of the future. Nevada is positioned to be the leader in renewable energy and can be the leading exporter of green power in the not so distant future. Through the development of renewable-energy sources and sustainable design methods, the future for Nevada is an unspoiled environment and a new economy based on renewable energy and green principles.

Our state leadership must encourage and create more incentives for renewable energy, and encourage those who manufacture components of these systems. The resulting new economy will create sustainable jobs, as in rural Minnesota where small communities and ranchers have joined together to develop winds farms, exporting the energy, and have attracted international energy companies to build a plant in their region. These companies are manufacturing renewable energy components creating hundreds of sustainable jobs in these communities. This investment in renewables is putting money back into these communities and into people's pocketbooks.

The people of Nevada, and especially rural Nevada, should demand that our leaders look to investing in them and their economic potential, and not coal. This investment must be in the quality of life in Nevada and renewable energy. This vision of a new economy will make Nevada the green-energy producer for the rest of the country and will preserve the pristine nature of our state.

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AIA NEVADA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Each year AIA Nevada honors the achievements of exceptional AIA members and firms through the AIA Nevada Distinguished Service Awards program. The awards are designed to recognize significant contributions made to the community and the profession through the various levels of AIA membership. Any AIA member, group of members of committee may nominate candidates for these awards. This year's recipients will be honored at the first annual AIA Nevada Design Conference & Awards Program.

REVISED TIMELINE / DEADLINES FOR SERVICE AWARDS:

Call for Nominations – June 1 – July 25, 2008

Entry Forms Due – July 25, 2008

Submittal Binders Deadline - September 12, 2008

Letters of support for Nominees - September 17 , 2008

Service Awards Jury – September 19, 2008

Recipients notified – September 22, 2008

AIA Nevada Awards Banquet – November 8, 2008

NEW AIA NEVADA IDP COORDINATOR

ERIC ROBERTS, ASSOC. AIA has been named the new statewide coordinator for the Intern Development Program. Eric replaces **DEEPA BHARATAKUMAR, ASSOC. AIA** who has relocated to Seattle, WA. Eric also currently serves as the State Government Network representative for AIA Nevada, and is a candidate for the AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors. He is a principal at **SH Architecture** and can be reached at 702.363.2222 or eroberts@sh-architecture.com

BLUEPRINT FOR NEVADA PUBLISHED AND NOW ONLINE

AIA Nevada's resource guide for enhancing and improving our communities -- Blueprint for Nevada – has been published and your copy is now available for downloading from the www.aianevada.org website. Copies of the book are being distributed to the policy makers across the state in an effort to provide information and resources that will help them to create a more livable and sustainable state.

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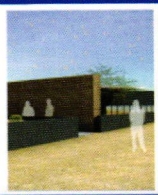
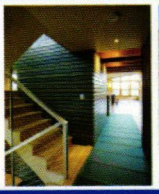
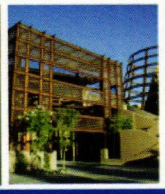
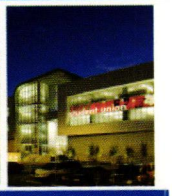








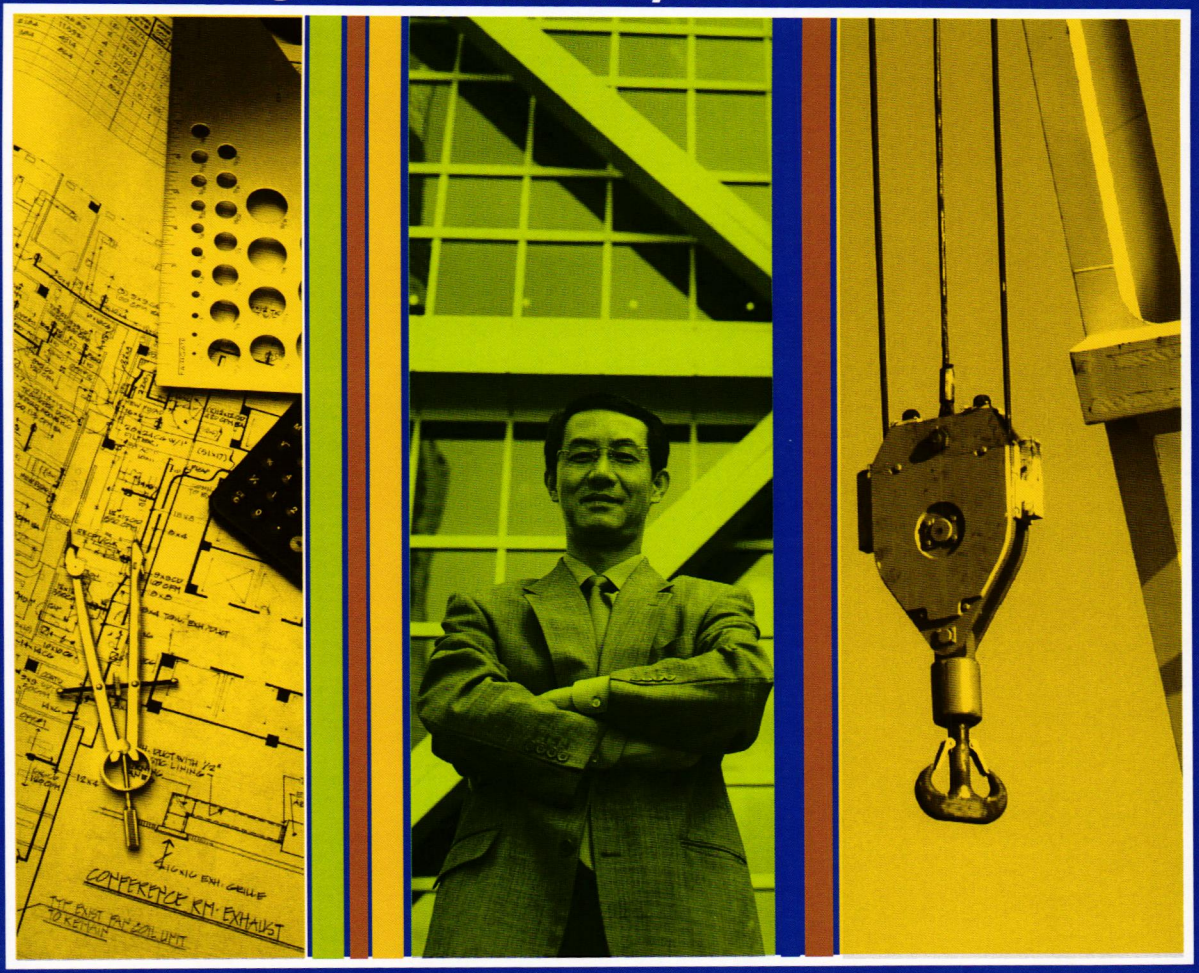
AIA WEBSITES

AIA Nevada has a brand new website – Check it out at www.aianevada.org.

A new site for AIA Las Vegas is currently under construction and will be available this summer. In the meantime stay updated on all Chapter news at www.aialasvegas.org.

AIA Northern Nevada is a busy chapter these days, preparing for the upcoming 2008 Design Conference and Awards. Check out the activities in the North at www.aiann.org.

AIA Las Vegas Directory & Resource Guide



The AIA Las Vegas Directory & Resource Guide is an electronic publication that provides information that is useful to the public as well as those who want to participate in the Las Vegas architectural community.

Updated quarterly, the AIA Las Vegas Directory & Resource Guide continues to be an outstanding source of communication with our members as well as the general public and an excellent means of presenting your company, product and services.

It provides a listing of all AIA Las Vegas members; Firm Profiles on both Architecture Firms and our Allied-Business Partners; contact information for AIA National offices, Nevada Legislative Resources, Public Officials and helpful information on the Las Vegas Chapter of the AIA.

To download a printable version of the most recent issue of the AIA LV Directory & Resource Guide go to www.aialasvegas.org

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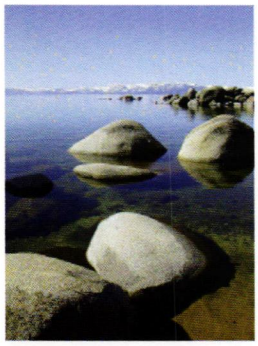

AIA NEVADA EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN AWARDS

There are two major changes in this year's AIA Nevada statewide Excellence in Design Awards Program.

First, it has been expanded into our first annual statewide Design Conference. Hosted by AIA Northern Nevada this year's conference is themed "**TRIPTYCH** -- a Design Conference and Awards program for Owners, Builders and Architects". Scheduled for November 7 & 8, the Conference and awards banquet will be held at the beautiful Resort at Squaw Creek, on the west side of Lake Tahoe, NV

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Second, in accordance with the recommendations made by the AIA Nevada Honors and Awards Committee, the Excellence in Design Awards Program has been re-structured to more closely align with the same categories and criteria as used in the AIA National awards program.

Categories include:

The Award for Architecture is for built projects completed since January 1, 2003. Open to all AIA members who are licensed in the state of Nevada for projects located anywhere in the world, and to AIA members from other states who are licensed in Nevada for projects located in Nevada. Each entry is judged for the success with which the project has met its individual requirements.

Interior Architecture – The intent of this awards program is to draw attention to the broad diversity of completed interior architecture. Entries may be large or small in scope and may involve renovation, adaptive use or new construction. Submissions in the areas of residential, institutional, commercial, corporate, retail, hospitality and miscellaneous are equally welcome. All entries will be judged on merit regardless of scale or budget.

Regional & Urban Design – This category recognizes distinguished achievements that involve the expanding role of the architect in urban design, city planning and community development. The awards seek to identify projects and programs that involve public participation and contribute to the quality of the urban environment. Owners, individual practitioners, private design firms, public agencies, civic organizations and public interest groups may submit projects and programs in which they were involved. Applicants do not need to be architects or members of the American Institute of Architects, however, an AIA member architect licensed in the state of Nevada must be the author of the project.

2008 TRIPTYCH Collaboration Award – This award category is being offered in order to align with the theme of our first annual Design Awards Conference. It recognizes the teamwork and cooperation required in the execution of quality projects. Projects should clearly demonstrate the specific roles of each in the design, building and completion of an exceptional project.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Entry Forms and Submittal Instructions are available online at www.aianevada.org This year's Excellence in Design Awards program will closely follow the criteria established by the Institute's Honor Awards program. Categories will include Architecture, Interior Architecture, Regional and Urban Design and Collaborative Achievement. There is no limit to the number of projects that may be entered by a firm, however entries must be submitted by the Firm of Record, or the Architect of Record and must have been completed since January 1,2003. Entry fee is $200.00 per project and the timeline will be as follows:

REVISED TIMELINE / DEADLINES FOR DESIGN AWARDS:

Call for Entries – June 1 – August 28, 2008

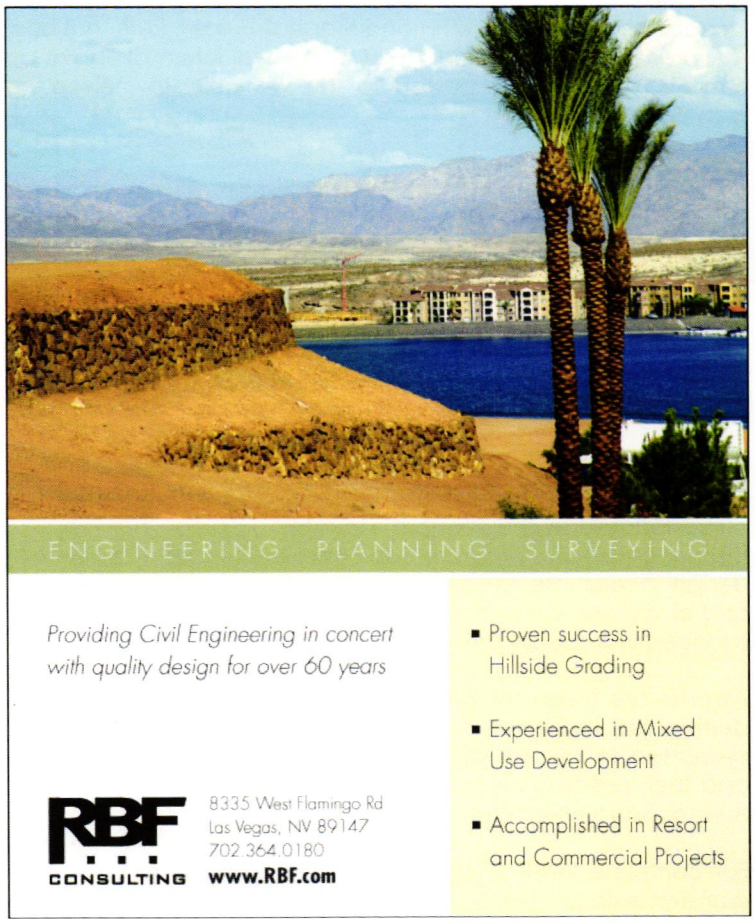
Deadline for Entry Forms & Fees – August 29, 2008

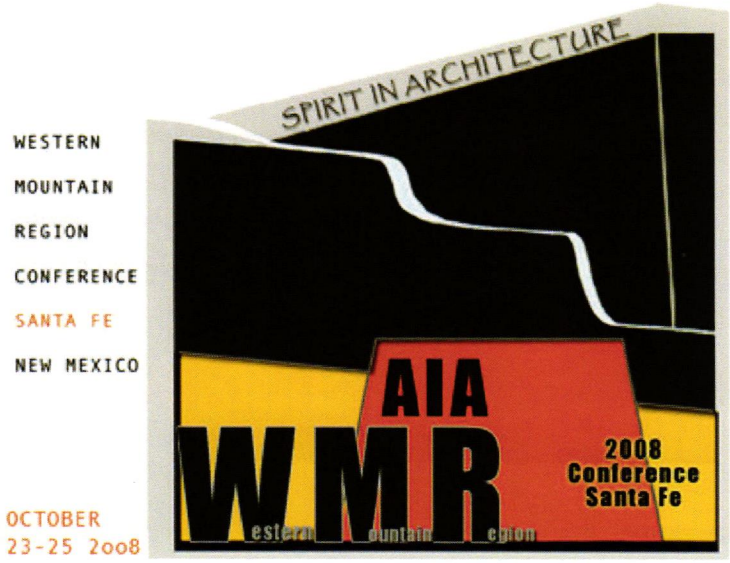
Deadline for Submittal Binders & Boards – September19, 2008
For an additional fee of $100 per entry you can purchase a late submittal which will be due on September 23, 2008

Design Awards Jury – September 26, 2008

Award Recipients Notified the week of September 29, 2008

Design Conference & Awards Banquet – November 8, 2008 – 6:00PM – Resort at Squaw Creek, located in Olympic Village on the west shores of Lake Tahoe, NV.





WESTERN MOUNTAIN REGION CONFERENCE 2008

SPIRIT IN ARCHITECTURE
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The 2008 AIA Western Mountain Region Conference – Spirit in Architecture – is being hosted by AIA New Mexico on October 23-25, 2008 at the new Santa Fe Convention Center in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Featured speakers will include Travis Price, AIA, Richard J. Jackson, MD MPH and Marshall Purnell, FAIA, national AIA president. Registration, hotel and travel information will be e-mailed and will be posted to the www.aianewmexico.org website by July 15 th.

WMR DESIGN AWARDS

The Western Mountain Region Design Awards program recognizes excellence in design, planning, and construction of projects located anywhere in the world that are designed by AIA architects registered and licensed in the Western Mountain Region.

Entries from multi-office firms are limited to work designed in the office located in the Western Mountain Region. The intent of the design awards program is to honor the highest standards of design in response to user requirements, site, context, climate, and environment. Each entry, regardless of size or classification, is judged individually on the basis of total design merit.

Awards are given for honor, merit, and citation. The jury will decide the type and number of awards. Certificates will be presented to award winning AIA members in good standing, and their projects will be featured at the Spirit in Architecture Awards Banquet on October 25, 2008.

For complete WMR Design Awards Information visit the www.aianewmexico.org website.

WMR HONOR AWARDS

Nominations for the 2008 AIA Western Mountain Region Honor Awards are now being accepted. The regional awards program recognizes the exceptional achievements of members, firms and other contributors to the built environment in the Region. Categories include – The Silver Medal, The Architecture Firm of the Year Award, The WMR Young Architect Award, The Award of Distinction and The Twenty-Five Year Award. Recipients of this year's awards will be recognized at the AIA WMR Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 25, 2008 during the annual awards program at the Santa Fe Hilton Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

AIA Utah is administering the WMR Honor Awards this year. AIA New Mexico, host of the WMR Conference, is administering the regional Design Awards: (505-328-3969), www.aianewmexico.org.

Honor Awards Schedule:
Entry Submittal Deadline:
Friday, August 29, 2008, 5:00PM – No extensions.
Jury Meets:
Friday, September 12, 2008, Recipients notified immediately.
Awards Presented:
Saturday, October 25, 2008

To enter the AIA WMR Honor Awards:
Go to the www.aiawmr.org site and download the Honor Awards Submittal Instructions. Complete the Intent to Participate Form and return it with the $50 fee, payable to AIAWMR.

AIA WESTERN MOUNTAIN REGION 50TH ANNIVERSARY LOGO COMPETITION

AIA WMR associates and young architects (licensed 10 years or less) are asked to participate in the AIA WMR 50th Anniversary Logo Competition with a maximum of 3 works.

The works should be prepared in a high resolution (300 dpi) and the design must include "AIA WMR, 50". The identity can be text-based, logo or any combination of these. Other graphic formats must be easily recognizable, text should be easy to read, and must be able to be printed in black and white, as well as in full color (2 color max).

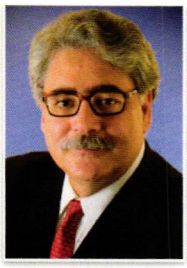
Only entries with a declaration of authorship are accepted, and the design must be your own creation and be developed in conformity with the competition's guidelines.

AIA WMR asks you to donate your logo creation to AIA WMR (the copyright or design right of the work sent in for application is owned by AIA WMR.)

The entry deadline is Friday, August 15, 2008 and each work should be forwarded in a separate e-mail to info@aiawmr.org. The winning design will be awarded an all expense paid trip to the 2009 AIA WMR conference in Keystone, Colorado.

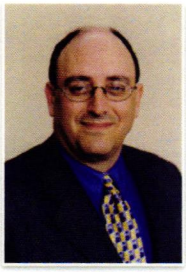
For more information go to www.aiawmr.org.

GEORGE MILLER, FAIA, ELECTED 2010 AIA PRESIDENT



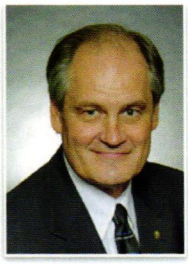
Delegates to the AIA National Convention in Boston elected **GEORGE H. MILLER, FAIA**, to serve as the 2009 AIA first vice president/president-elect and 2010 Institute president. Miller, a partner at **Pei Cobb Freed** in New York is currently serving as an AIA vice president. He has also served in a variety of other leadership positions at the AIA such as: treasurer, vice president, and president of AIA New York, regional director for AIA New York State from 2004 to 2006, National Chair of the AIA150 Advisory Committee, as well as a member of the Gold Medal and Firm Advisory Committee in 2004-05.

Other AIA elected officials include:



WALTER J. HAINSFURTHER, AIA, has been elected to a two-year vice presidential term beginning in December 2008. Hainsfurther, president of **Kurtz Associate Architects** served as president of AIA Northeast Illinois in 1995 and president of AIA Illinois in 2005. He also has been the regional director for AIA Illinois from 2005-2008 as well as having been involved with the Technology in Architectural Practice Knowledge Community (Advisory Group 1996-2000, Chair, 1999). Hainsfurther received an architectural studies degree from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and a BArch from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

PAMELA J. LOEFFELMAN, FAIA, LEED-AP, has been elected to a two-year vice presidential term beginning in December 2008. Loeffelman, a principal at **Perkins Eastman** in Stamford, Conn., served on the Committee on Architecture for Education's national AIA Advisory Group (2001–2005) and the Board Knowledge Committee (2004–2008). She has also served as chair of AIA New York Chapter's Committee on Architecture for Education (1998–2001), the board of AIA New York (1999–2001), and the Mayoral Commission on the implementation of the International Building Code (2001–2007). Loeffelman earned an MBA from the University of Connecticut and a BArch from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



STEPHEN K. LOOS, AIA, has been elected to a two-year term as secretary of the AIA beginning in December of 2008. Loos, a senior design architect for the **Mulhern Group Ltd.**, was president of AIA Colorado North in 1998 and president of AIA Colorado in 2000. He served as secretary to the Western Mountain Regional Council from 2004 till 2005, and is a regional director of the Western Mountain area. Loos earned a BArch from the University of Colorado at Boulder, did post-graduate work in urban planning at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom, and came back to the U.S. to get a Master's Degree in Urban and Environmental Studies from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

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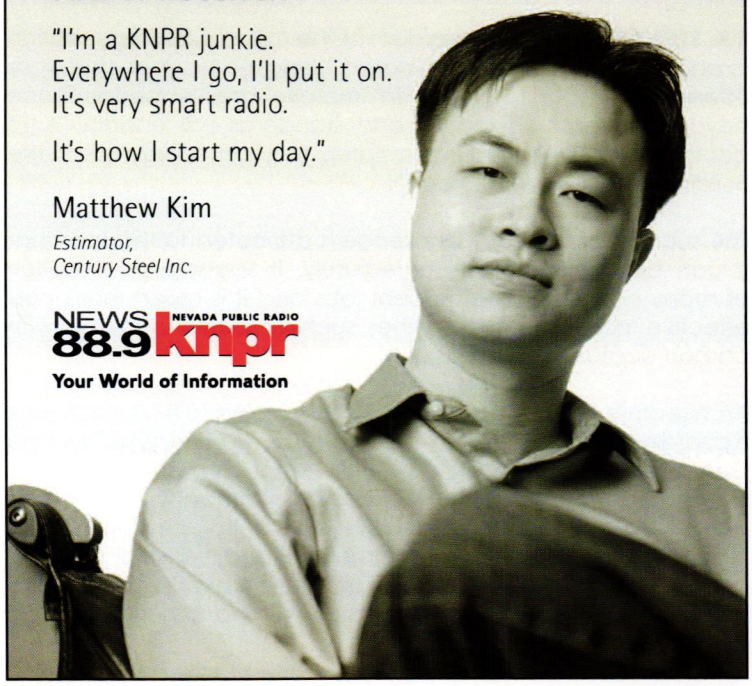


CRACKING THE CODE

AN APPROACH FOR DRAMATICALLY REDUCING GHG

ARCHITECTURE 2030 just released an unprecedented guide for every city, county and state in the nation to swiftly meet their greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets through existing building codes. Published in a new white paper, titled "Meeting the 2030 Challenge Through Building Codes", a single chart provides the key to deciphering various building energy codes and standards as they relate to the immediate 50% reduction target called for in the 2030 Challenge.

According to **EDWARD MAZRIA**, executive director of Architecture 2030, "meeting reduction targets through existing codes is the critical 'missing piece' to getting major reductions underway immediately." **MICHELLE WYMAN**, executive director of the US branch of **ICLEI – LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY**, an international membership association of over 700 local governments, agrees. "Mayors have unanimously adopted the 2030 Challenge and have been eager to implement it. Being able to do so through existing building energy codes will allow them to move much more quickly with strong, measurable reductions in building emissions," she said.

More and more governments and professionals across the US are looking to the 2030 Challenge as an effective way to tame the excessive CO2 emissions of the Building Sector. Buildings are the major contributor to climate change, being responsible for almost half of all US energy consumption and GHG emissions. The 2030 Challenge calls for a 50% reduction in energy consumption, including fossil fuel, GHG-emitting energy, of all new buildings and major renovations by 2010, and for incrementally increasing the reduction every five years, so that all new buildings are carbon neutral by 2030.

The urgent need for a code-based approach prompted Architecture 2030 to develop 'code equivalents', which are the additional reductions needed beyond the requirements of a particular code, standard or rating system to meet or exceed the initial 50% target of the 2030 Challenge. These code equivalents can be easily incorporated into existing codes by ordinance.

R.K. STEWART, AIA, 2007 president of the AIA, the first organization to adopt the 2030 Challenge, stated "Using the recommendations offered in this white paper to improve energy performance beyond current regulations and standards will enable us to act both decisively and immediately to bring energy use in the Building Sector under control."

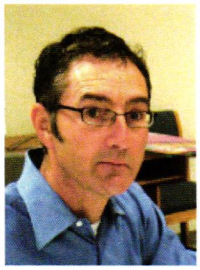
The success of the 2030 Challenge is attributed to the fact that it can be implemented immediately, it spawns the creation of many new, local, permanent jobs and it is much more cost effective than other approaches, such as nuclear and coal with carbon capture and storage.

Architecture 2030 is not the only group coming to this conclusion. According to Coburn, "In state after state, analyses by the Center for Climate Strategies, the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, McKinsey & Company, and others demonstrate that steps to achieve substantial greenhouse gas reductions from residential, commercial, and industrial buildings are not only possible, they are available today and can provide significant net cost savings, more jobs, and other economic benefits where implemented."

ARCHITECTURE 2030 – HAVE YOU TAKEN THE PLEDGE YET?

AIA Las Vegas issued a challenge to all AIA members to make the personal pledge. We set as a goal that AIA Las Vegas could be the first chapter to achieve 100% of full member support. The Nevada Chapter has almost 1,000 members. (Architects, Associates and Allied).

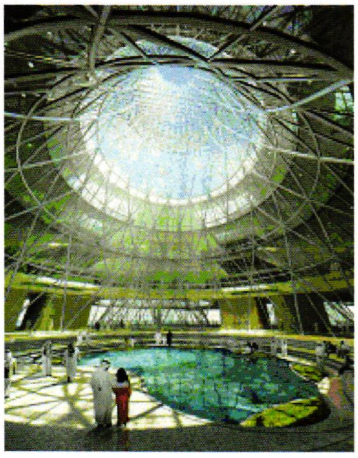
Many members have already taken the pledge....but many more have not. If you believe in building a more sustainable world go to www.architecture2030.com and take the pledge. Let's see your firm's name ...or your name.... on the site next month.



POSITIVE ENERGY

HARRY O. RAY, AIA, NCARB
AIA LV COTE MEMBER

I recently read an article in ARCHITECT Magazine entitled, "Positive Energy", written by Vernon Mays. I was struck by the fearless, heroic measures that the design architect, Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture, of Chicago are undertaking to push the concepts of sustainability. The featured project is a 1.5 million square foot office headquarters for the Masdar Initiative, an Abu Dhabi government program for "energy security, climate change and truly sustainable human development". The plans for this new mixed-use headquarters building include the exploration of glass enclosed wind cones, a polycrystalline photovoltaic roof surface, wind turbines and a 30% open masonry thermal shield exterior wall that is expected to reduce the lighting load while allowing controlled daylight.



Although this is a project of great budget and scale, the concepts are rooted in a desire to work with basic natural forces. These ideas utilizing natural convection, wind movement and sunlight would all seem to be scaleable.

The Las Vegas climate is not too dissimilar from that of Abu Dhabi and has just as great a potential to also become a "pacesetter for sustainable design practices" - a phrase used to describe the soon expected status of Masdar City. Significant sustainable design steps have been made in the Las Vegas valley recently, however there is so much more to explore if we are to exploit the naturally abundant resources available to us in our own desert climate. The forward-thinking, sustainability design approach that the Masdar Headquarters project represents should offer inspiration to all designers in this region as well.

For more information on the Masdar Headquarters project visit architectmagazine.com or smithgill.com.

THE WEIDT GROUP A FOUNDING REPORTER OF THE CLIMATE REGISTRY

The Climate Registry is a non-profit organization established to measure and publicly report greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in a common, accurate and transparent manner consistent across industry sectors and borders. Thirty-nine U.S. states, six Canadian provinces, three Native American tribes, two Mexican states and the District of Columbia are the founders of the organization.

"**The Weidt Group** has demonstrated exemplary environmental leadership by courageously stepping forward to support The Climate Registry in its preliminary stages." said Gina McCarthy, Chair of The Climate Registry.

A forerunner with 31 years of building energy conservation consulting experience, The Weidt Group extends its demonstrated environmental stewardship by voluntarily committing to measure, independently verify, and publicly report their GHG emissions on an annual basis utilizing The Climate Registry General Reporting Protocol. The protocol is based on the internationally recognized GHG measurement standards of the World Resources Institute and World Business Council on Sustainability.

TOM MCDOUGALL, President of The Weidt Group, explains "Our decision to be a Founding Reporter of The Climate Registry follows our core principals—there was no need for debate, it's in keeping with what we help others do every day and further demonstrates our commitment to the environment."

Entities that joined before May, 2008 were eligible to receive Founding Reporter status.

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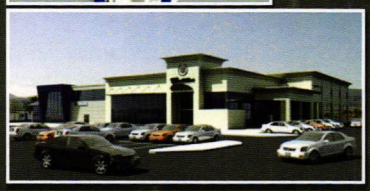

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UNLV ARCHITECTURE STUDIES LIBRARY

New Are Study Guides

See the list at http://www.library.unlv.edu/arch/featured/featuredseries04.html

New Leed Sample Exams

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. LEED NC practice problems. New construction: TH880 .P467 2007
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. LEED CI sample exam. Commercial interiors : TH880 .L4423 2007
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. LEED NC sample exam. New construction: TD195.E49 S49 2007

Energy Use In Campus Buildings

Interested in seeing -- real time -- how much energy campus buildings use? The ASL has put a link to UNLV Live Power Demand on its Sustainable Resources page at http://www.library.unlv.edu/arch/rsrce/resguide/sustainability.html. Data includes watts per square foot and kilowatts per hour. Question -- would you be willing to wait longer to check out a book if we turned off one of our circulation computers? We calculate we would save about 280 watts per hour for the computer and another 55 per hour for the monitor. That's roughly 335 watts per hour. Current demand on the Sogg Architecture Building is about 227000 watts per hour!

Form-Based Codes

At a library conference in May, Jeanne Bronw, Head Librarian, had the opportunity to hear the City Planner for the City of Denver speak on their efforts to plan sustainable people-friendly cities. One of the tools they are using is form-based codes. If you are interested in this approach, we have the book for you!

Form-based codes : a guide for planners, urban designers, municipalities, and developers / Daniel G. Parolek, Karen Parolek, Paul C. Crawford
Hoboken, N.J. : J. Wiley & Sons, c2008
332 p. : illustrations (some colored.), maps (some colored)
UNLV Arch Bk. Stks. NA9050.5 .P37 2008

UNLV: Sustainability Exhibit Entries Solicited

The UNLV Marjorie Barrick Museum, in coordination with the Office of Urban Sustainability Initiatives, invites members of the Southern Nevada community to participate in a newly developed exhibit series featuring community art and design related to sustainable practices in the Las Vegas Valley.

Scheduled to open August 22, the Sustainability Exhibit will feature 20 mixed-media pieces focused on how the Las Vegas community envisions an environmentally, economically and socially sustainable future. Participants are encouraged to be innovative, but to give thought to remaining within the realm of possibility – economically, politically and technically. Central concepts include, but are not limited to:

- Evolving from a culture of consumption to a culture of sustainability
- Importance of individual action and changing habits
- Economic advantages of going green
- Renewable energy, water and energy conservation and recycling
- Building design and landscaping
- Alternative transportation and sustainable business practices

Submissions must be received by August 1. For more information, including complete specifications and submission criteria, please visit http://hrcweb.nevada.edu/museum/ or contact Aurore Giguet at (702) 895-1402.

CE'S BEING OFFERED AT THE AIA LAS VEGAS PRODUCT SHOW

HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH STONEXPO 2008

We've created even greater learning experiences for you this year by partnering with the StonExpo 2008. The AIA Las Vegas Product Show will be held on Thursday, October 16th in the South Pacific Ballroom at Mandalay Bay Conference Center.

See the latest technologies and services provided by the nearly 100 Exhibitors at the 2008 AIA Las Vegas Product Show, learn about the latest innovations in stone and surface products, and get as many as 6 AIA CE & HSW Credits by attending the following classes:

"Avoid Design Disasters for Heavy Commercial Projects" - 1.5 AIA CE and HSW Credits

"Joint and Application Treatment for Natural Stone" - 1.5 AIA CE and HSW Credits

"The Geology of Dimensional Stone" - 3 AIA CE Credits

STONEXPO

Register for free admittance to the AIA Las Vegas Product Show, the StonExpo 2008 Show and sign up for CE classes at www.stonexpo.com today!

CE'S BEING OFFERED AT THE AIA NEVADA DESIGN CONFERENCE

The AIA Nevada statewide Excellence in Design Awards Program has expanded into a statewide Design Conference. It is planned to provide exceptional opportunities for all members of the design and architectural communities in Nevada to celebrate design excellence AND secure those valuable AIA C.E. and HSW credits before the end of the year.

Hosted by AIA Northern Nevada this year's conference is themed "TRIPTYCH - a Design Conference and Awards program for Owners, Builders and Architects". Scheduled for November 7 & 8, the conference and awards banquet will be held at the Resort at Squaw Creek. TRIPTYCH will be two days of valuable AIA CE approved courses providing 8.5 CEU and HSW Credits, and culminating in the 2008 AIA Nevada Excellence in Design Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, November 8th.

To register for TRIPTYCH or get more information, go to www.aianevada.org after July 10th.

TRACK YOUR C.E. CREDITS

Last year, through membership meetings, lunchtime learning, and various events, AIA Las Vegas provided 33 different opportunities for members to get their required LU's and HSW's. If you had attended them all you would have accumulated 42.5 LU's and 33 HSW credits. That is more than sufficient to maintain your AIA membership and to meet the requirements of most states for licensure renewal.

In 2008, we have planned several more events to provide more C.E. opportunities. AIA Las Vegas makes it very easy for you to meet your requirements. All you have to do is sign-in (and sign-out) at each of the C.E. programs just to verify your attendance. Your attendance is then registered with AIA National and your credits are recorded.

All of the programs provided by the Chapter are registered with the AIA Continuing Education Division. You can easily check the progress of your credits by going to the aia.org website, select the continuing education button, enter your member number and you will have a complete listing of your C.E. and HSW Credits.

And don't forget.....You should keep a record of each one of the C.E. programs you attend so that you can compare it with your online record at AIA National. That way you'll always know exactly how many credits you have earned.

2008 CE LUNCHEONS

July 10 - Date Cancelled

July 31 - Date Cancelled

August 7 - Date Cancelled

August 28 - Date Cancelled

September 11 - Hosted By Steve Romeo and Audio Visual Innovations. Program and Location TBA

September 25 - Hosted By Nathan Emens And Terracon. Program and Location TBA

October 30 - "Prefinished Steel Door Frames" Presented by Roger Mcguire of Dunbarton Door & Entry Security Location TBA

November 13 - Hosted by Schirmer Engineering. Program and Location TBA

December 12 - Hosted by Nathan Emens and Terracon. Program and Location TBA

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

AIA Nevada and AIA Las Vegas are pleased to work with the following Affiliated Organizations

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Sierra Club & NCARE

GreenDream Enterprises

Nevada Conservation League

SDA
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ACEC
American Consulting Engineers Council

APA
American Planning Association

APWA
American Public Works Association

ASID
American Society of Interior Designers

SNASLA
Southern Nevada American Society of Landscape Architects

CSI
Construction Specifications Institute

NAIOP
National Association of Industrial and Office Properties

SMPS
Society of Marketing Professional Services

SNHBA
Southern Nevada Home Builders Association

ULI
Urban Land Institute

JLLV
Junior League of Las Vegas

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE 2008 SCHOOL BOND PRESENTATION

Funding for new school construction is a critical issue and one that **TIM STRUCELY**, Director, New School and Facility Planning for the Clark County School District will be discussing on Wednesday, August 20th, 2008 in a special meeting for AIA members.

"A bond election has been called for November 4 to determine renewal of the CCSD 10-Year Capital Improvement Program. Given current economic events, it is more important than ever to communicate the facts regarding the upcoming bond initiative. The new program is expected to produce revenues of $9.5 billion over 10-12 years to build new inventory schools and to renovate existing campuses. This will be done by continuing the current tax structure -- no new tax increases! The program will be backed by a new multi-year Capital Master Plan which includes new assessment data from two thirds of the District campuses."

AIA architects and all members of the architectural community are invited to an informal session with Mr. Strucely, regarding the new School Bond issue and planning for Clark County Schools.

The meeting will be held at 2:00PM in the library of the UNLV School of Architecture. RSVP to Kelly Lavigne at 702.895.0936 or klavigne@aianevada.org.

SOCIETY FOR DESIGN ADMINISTRATION LAS VEGAS

SDA Las Vegas will meet on August 4th at 6:00pm at the Yard House at Towne Square. Anyone interested in the decision making process of chapter organization or holding office in the chapter is encouraged to attend. After this meeting, the paperwork will be submitted to national and a charter will be issued. Take the time to reach out to others and encourage them to join!

SDA Las Vegas has recently begun planning their next CANstruction event, a design-build competition using only canned food and a few construction materials. The juried competition's participants are local A/E/C firms and the food used to construct the entries is later donated to a local food bank. The event is scheduled to be held next April in conjunction with Architecture Week, an annual AIA event.

Please feel free to contact Tim Richards, SDA at 702-878-0000 or trichards@wagnarchitects.com with any comments, questions or suggestions you may have.

WATERSMART INNOVATIONS CONFERENCE & EXPO

Early bird registration for the inaugural WaterSmart Innovations Conference and Exposition, scheduled for October 8-10 at the South Point Hotel and Casino, is $330 until July 11 and $390 afterward.

Las Vegas locals can receive an additional $50 discount off the full conference registration by using the code "local50" when registering. Locals also can receive an expo-only admission of $35 (a savings of $40) by using "localexpo" when registering.

As the largest conference of its kind in the world, the inaugural WaterSmart Innovations Conference and Exposition will be the premier venue for showcasing new water-efficiency technology to industry and business from around the globe; building and strengthening effective, interdisciplinary relationships and establishing your company as an international leader in innovative water efficiency technology and services.

For more information and to register, visit www.WaterSmartInnovations.com or, contact PIO Tom Bradley at tom.bradley@snwa.com or (702) 822-8365

CAREER BRIEFS

Harris & Associates announces the hiring of **GEORGE W. GLENDENNING** as the Regional Business Development Manager for Nevada.

George joins Harris with an extensive and successful track record in the sales and marketing of engineering, architectural, planning, surveying and construction services in the Nevada area. As Regional Business Development Manager, George will have the primary responsibilities of client development / client services and project management throughout the state. His scope will include all types of infrastructure for the public sector.

A resident of Henderson, Nevada, George holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and a Bachelor of Aviation Management degree from Auburn University.

STREAMLINE TOWER SHINES

Martin-Harris Construction has completed the luxury high rise, Streamline Tower LLC. Streamline Tower stands 22-stories and is one of the first projects to be completed in the redevelopment district of downtown Las Vegas. This outstanding project graces 150 Las Vegas Boulevard North and validates Mayor Oscar Goodman's dream of redeveloping downtown.

Streamline Tower
35,000 sq. ft. foot print
700,000 total sq. ft.
22-story
Mixed-Use / Parking first 7 floors
275 total living units (8- 22 floors)

The project features retail on the street level (two-story) and then has 6 stories of secured parking and then 14 floors of 275 luxury living units. The roof area presents a pool, recreational areas and a great view of the surrounding valley.

FRANK MARTIN, President/CEO of Martin-Harris Construction, notes, "Teamwork was the key in completing this 22-story project. We would like to thank the City of Las Vegas for their cooperation; all of the subcontractors who worked on the project; **PGAL LLC** (architectural firm); and the Owner, **Streamline Tower LLC**. It is because of everyone working together that a job of this magnitude was completed in such an orderly manner."

DUSTY ALLEN, Owner/Managing Partner says, "Streamline Tower is one of the shinning stars that truly define the meaning of redevelopment in downtown Las Vegas. Our luxury multi-use 22-story project brings a new presence and image to Las Vegas Boulevard North. We are indeed proud to be part of the "new" downtown Las Vegas."

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